

MINUTES

June 23, 2022 @ 7:33pm
Flood Advisory Board
25 Lenox Avenue
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

CALL TO ORDER “In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting of the Flood Advisory Board has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and notification made to the Suburban Trends.”

ROLL CALL

Lauren Venin, Chairwoman	Josephine Brown
Steve Flormann, Co-Chairman	Joseph Christiano
Pat Lenoy, Corresponding Secretary	Kathleen Cole (excused)
Cristiane Jennings, Recording Secretary	Julie Doncoes
Maria Kent, Council Liaison (excused)	Harold Vandermark

VISITORS

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG, MOMENT OF SILENCE/WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS – Lauren welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for their continued support.

MINUTES – Motion by Pat Lenoy to accept the May meeting minutes, seconded by Josie Brown, all in favor. Steve Flormann abstained.

Open Public Comments – No public present.

Emergency Flood Legislation – DEP issued an emergency authorization for new flood legislation that was supposed to go into effective June 13, 2022. However, due to some apparent push back, it has been extended to the end of the summer. They want to raise the design flood elevation by an additional two feet, bringing it to three feet above flood plain. Questions of how that would affect existing home elevations were discussed and how flood insurance will be affected once FEMA maps are updated.

Dawes Highway Bridge – No update.

CRS – PPI meeting scheduled for Monday June 27th at 3pm. Pat, Katie, and Maria plan to attend. Our fall outreach program will be mentioned. See below for details.

Fall Outreach Program – Rain barrel and rain garden workshop plans were discussed in further detail. As previously mentioned, a local resident is willing to host a workshop at the north end of Lincoln Ave where storm water management would be beneficial during flash flooding. Timing of prepping and installation of the rain barrels and rain gardens were discussed. Tentatively the workshop will be hosted October 9th. Further details and who will host is yet to be determined.

River Work/Hazard Assessment – Drone videos need to be uploaded to thumb drive and reviewed. There is concern of a large tree down in the Pequannock along the yellow trail between Joe Grill and first entrance to yellow/black trail. Would like to speak with new borough administrator Paula to discuss progress, future plans and existing permit scope. Plan to invite her to our July meeting and invite a NJ state representative to our August meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT – Mug wort smothering is continuing. Additional cardboard has been added, which is working better than the weed barrier. Will need to find out what is left of the budget to order the plants and trees to be planted in the fall. Lauren will submit recommended plants to be ordered including at least six trees. Order should be submitted no later than July to have plugs ready for September. In addition, we will procure a few rain barrels for the fall outreach program above.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE – Gallo Park new equipment dedication set for June 30th when the frog's name will be revealed.

FLOOD LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Water Resources Development Act of 2022 has been renewed. Authorizes infrastructure water assistance, restores natural flood plains, removes antiquated dams, and water resources for disadvantaged communities. Mikie Sherrill, chair of the environmental committee, who's focus is still on flooding, shared this with Lauren as well.

CRS COMMITTEE – See CRS above.

CLIMATOLOGY – Rain total for May was 3.69 inches, below average. June so far is at 3.82 inches, also below average. YTD is 23.97 inches. Reservoir is below flood stage at 299.41'. Rivers are down as well.

ADJOURNMENT – Josie Brown made a motion to adjourn, and Steve Flormann seconded the motion at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cristiane Jennings